

Coup Seen in Mrs. Marcos Attack

MANILA, Dec. 8 (AP)—The government said today that the attacker of the wife of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, was part of a "rightist coup d'etat conspiracy."

Information Secretary Francisco S. Tatad made the statement in the opening session of a business conference. He said the conspiracy against Marcos' leadership "can only be expected to continue until it is fully liquidated."

Tatad said the bolo knife attack on Mrs. Marcos "put our nation on notice that we have not entirely subdued the political passion, bitterness and the violence that have long sought to claim the life of our president in the hands of his enemies."

Mrs. Marcos was reported resting comfortably at a suburban medical center. She suffered deep cuts in the hands and arms in the attack. The assailant was shot dead.

[Authorities named the assailant as Carlito Dimaali, who lived 60 miles from Manila, according to United Press International. The authorities said Dimaali's two sisters and another man tentatively identified as a brother were being questioned.]

Marcos announced that President Nixon is sending a surgeon to help treat Mrs. Marcos' wounds, which include severed tendons in the right hand. Marcos said Dr. Robert T. Chase of the Stanford Medical Center was expected to arrive Saturday or Sunday.

Tatad recalled seven attempts to kill Marcos since early 1970. "The plot not having succeeded and not having fully terminated, continues," he said.